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Pritt speaks to 101 class

Women's studies discussed

by PATRICIA WHITE
reporter

Charlotte Pritt, former democratic nominee for governor of West Virginia, an activist, teacher, poet, politician and graduate of MU spoke to Dr. Amy E. Hudock's Women's Studies 101 class Wednesday.

Dr. Amy E. Hudock, assistant professor of English and coordinator of women's studies said, "This class is an introduction to the underlying principles of women's studies with the inclusion of social classes, races and academics."

"I try to invite guests that are geared to the empowerment of women in politics, women in different areas of philosophy and music."

Hudock also said, "The class tries to show leadership skills that help students to be assertive and to pass along what they have learned to other individuals. This presentation discussed women in politics."

Pritt is the "foremost activist" that fights for change in women's issues, Hudock said.

As a former teacher in McDowell County, she felt a need to get involved in children hunger issues and find immediate relief. She believed that it was the church's responsibility to help people in need. It was

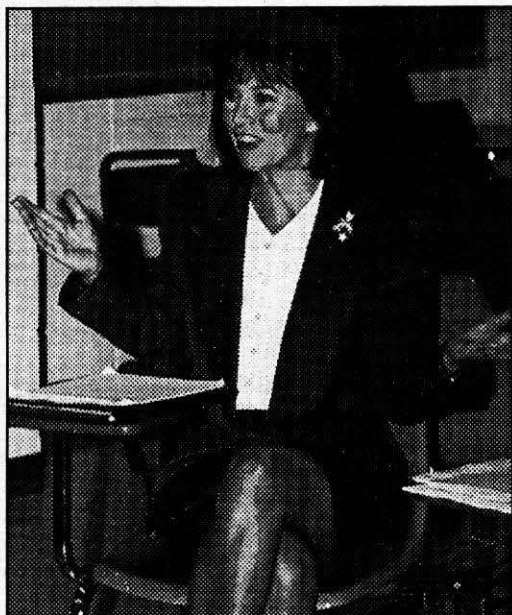


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Charlotte Pritt spoke Wednesday to a Women's Studies class about the role of women in politics.

her father's idea for her to get involved in politics.

Pritt said she has had several downfalls in her career, but that has not slowed her down. "When you lose an election it makes you a stronger person," she said. "Being in politics you need to protect yourself from the truth and deception of other politics."

Leadership is one of the major focuses of this class. Pritt said, "Caregivers and warriors show true leadership skills that are essential."

To sum up her speech, Pritt said, "According to Socrates democracy is a hungry beast that always needs to be fed."

Homecoming Court named at reception

by JOEY TACKETT
reporter

Campaigning came to an end Wednesday, as Homecoming candidates packed up their stacks of eye-catching fliers and self-promotions.

Homecoming Court members were announced Wednesday at noon at a reception in the Memorial Student Center. Cake was served and the Marshall Jazz Band provided entertainment.

Shayna B. Chapman, from Gallipolis, Ohio, and Beverly M. Milam, from Beckley, were named senior attendants, and finalists for Miss Marshall.

The title of Mr. Marshall went to Michael Warren, a senior from Granttown, and a member of the Student Government Association.

Warren, who is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., said it was a privilege to be Mr. Marshall. "It was a hard campaign. The other guys who competed are well-known," Warren said.

Sherri Richardson, from Bluefield, took the most votes for graduate attendant.

Aimee Michele Stover, from

"It was a hard campaign. The other guys who competed are well-known."

— Michael Warren,
Mr. Marshall

Ashton, W.Va., was voted junior attendant, Camille Ramsey, from Summersville, was named sophomore attendant and Meredith Leslie Meeks, from Winfield, won freshman attendant.

The Homecoming parade, scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. will showcase the class attendants.

Miss Marshall for Homecoming '97 will be announced during halftime at the football game Saturday. Kick-off is scheduled for 3 p.m.

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Opera singer to teach voice class

by ANDREA R. COPLEY
reporter

Many people will never get the chance to learn from a professional opera singer.

However, six Marshall students will have that opportunity.

Tenor Randall Reid-Smith is to lead a vocal master class for voice students this afternoon.

Reid-Smith has performed roles on the operatic stages of America and Europe.

"He is a wonderful world-class tenor," Dr. Joy Ratliff, professor of voice, said. "He is a very professional and very personable young man."

A master class, Ratliff explained, is when an expert coaches students.

"Because Reid-Smith is a singing professional, he has a real grasp of what is expected in the operatic world," she said.

Reid-Smith will perform two selections at the beginning of the master class, Ratliff said.

The two pieces are "Il mio tesoro" from "Don Giovanni" by Mozart and "Maria" from "West Side Story."

Next, each of the six students will perform a prepared piece and he will give them suggestions, she said.

"It is a casual working situation," Ratliff said.

"Students have the benefit of getting a different perspective other than ones they get from their voice lessons."

Reid-Smith, a Barbours-

ville, W.Va., native, lives in Berlin, Germany.

He earned his voice performance degrees from Cincinnati Conservatory and Indiana University.

"We are very fortunate and grateful that he has volunteered his time," she said.

Students participating in Thursday's master class are: Chris A. Bowling, Flatwoods, Ky., freshman; Jim Biggs, Cottageville, W.Va., sophomore; Heidi R. Corley, Fairmont, W.Va., freshman; Laura Evans, Charleston, freshman; Bethany Page, Kenova, W. Va., senior; and Matthew W. Price, Proctorville, Ohio, graduate student.

The class is 2 p.m. today in Smith Recital Hall. It is free and open to the public.

On the moo-ve...



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Students passing through the Memorial Student Center are greeted by this billboard advertisement promoting Chick-Fil-A, just one of the many meal options provided to students who eat in the cafeteria.

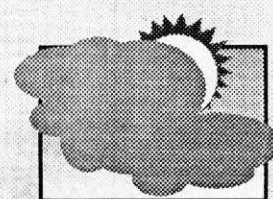
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Cloudy
40% chance of rain
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Low: 53



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AIDS spreading quickly to Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union

WASHINGTON (AP) — New evidence suggests that while countries in sub-Saharan Africa have the most people infected with AIDS — 14 million — the deadly virus may be on the verge of exploding in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and other regions, the World Bank reported Monday.

A bank report recommended that governments act as quickly as possible with intensive prevention efforts, especially among people who have many sex partners or inject drugs using unsteril-

ized needles.

In many countries, government-backed prevention programs do not reach people with the riskiest behavior, said the bank, a leading international lending agency.

"In every country that now has a serious epidemic, people said, 'It can't happen here.' They were wrong," said Martha Ainsworth, a co-author of the report, "Confronting AIDS: Public Priorities in a Global Epidemic."

"By the time that many AIDS cases are observed, it is too late to avert a serious epi-

demic. HIV (the AIDS virus) will already have spread widely," she said.

The 327-page report differs from many other studies analyzing the epidemic by focusing on how government decision-makers should allocate resources to combat AIDS.

It said 23 million people worldwide now are infected with HIV, with 8,500 new cases each day. Approximately 90 percent of all HIV infections occur in developing countries, where resources to confront the epidemic are most scarce.

Diabetes-related deaths increase

CHARLESTON, (AP) — West Virginia's large elderly population and sedentary lifestyles are causing a sharp rise in diabetes-related deaths, state health officials said.

According to preliminary figures from an annual report by the Bureau of Public Health, complications from diabetes killed 671 West Virginians in 1996, compared to 406 in 1987.

"It's a major unrecognized problem for the state," said Dr. Henry Taylor, the bureau's commissioner.

While the national death rate from diabetes

is increasing, the West Virginia rate is 41.2 percent higher than the nation, officials said.

"It means we have an older, heavier, less active population," said Shawn Chillag, manager of the state Diabetes Control Program.

Chillag said diabetics can control the disorder through monitoring their glucose levels, watching their diet, exercise and medication.

But a lack of education, health insurance and low income among many state citizens has left them unaware of how to combat the disease, officials said.

Acetaminophen may cause liver damage

NEW YORK (AP) — People who take too much of the popular painkiller acetaminophen can suffer liver damage, particularly if they are alcoholics, according to a study reported Oct. 16. Warnings about dosage limits already appear on products with acetaminophen, such as Tylenol. People should pay attention to those labels and not exceed dose limits.

Page edited by Chrjstina Redekopp

Aspirin could save heart attack victims

DALLAS (AP) — As many as 10,000 American lives a year could be saved if more people who think they're having a heart attack took an aspirin at the onset of chest pains, according to a new report.

The American Heart Association first recommended in 1993 that people take one, full 325-milligram aspirin at the onset of chest pain or other symptoms of a severe heart attack.

A follow-up report published Oct. 21 in the association's journal *Circulation* shows not enough people are taking that seemingly simple life-saving step.

An author of the report, Valentin Fuster, president-elect of the AHA and a professor of medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, said research in the past four years shows that only 20 percent to 40 percent of heart attack victims have popped an aspirin at the onset of trouble.

"Despite our recommendation, aspirin use remains underutilized and people are dying prematurely each year in this country," said another author, Charles Hennekens, chief of preventive medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and a professor at Harvard Medical School. "Those are avoidable deaths."

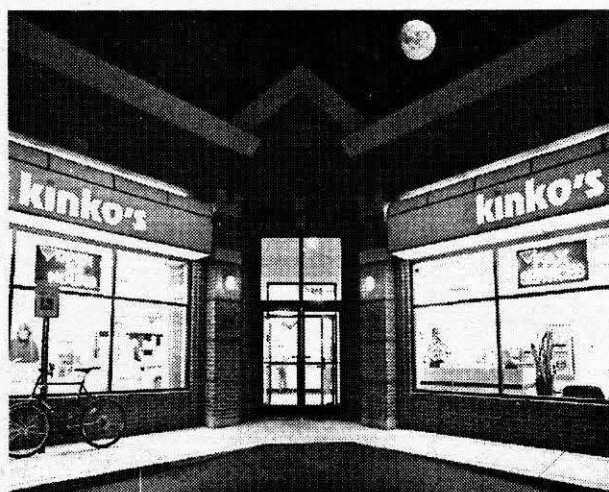
A heart attack or stroke occurs when a blood clot blocks a vessel. Doctors believe that during the early stages of a heart attack, aspirin can prevent a clot from getting bigger.

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Two hundred Marshall students

were asked to comment on the alcohol use on campus. When asked what percentage of students they felt drank last Thursday night, the average student response was that 28% had at least 1.5 drinks per hour. When asked

to comment on their own behavior last Thursday night, 88% reported they did NOT drink.

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Man arrested for shooting death of former girlfriend ten years ago

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A decade after a man was spared a murder trial on grounds he was mentally incompetent, police caught up with him at a university where he's been a pre-med student with a B-plus average.

Kenneth Curtis, 32, was arrested Tuesday in the shooting death of 21-year-old Donna Kalson, his former girlfriend. He was jailed on \$75,000 bond, which family members expected to post Wednesday.

"Our first prayer has been answered," the woman's mother, Barbara Kalson, told WTNH-TV. "It has taken a long time, now we need our other prayers answered."

Curtis shot and killed Ms. Kalson outside a Stratford restaurant in October 1987, police said. Her date was also wounded in the attack before Curtis shot himself in the head, police said.

Curtis, who still has a bullet lodged in his brain and uses a wheelchair, was charged then with murder, attempted murder and assault, but was declared mentally incompetent to stand trial. He was hospitalized for nearly seven months and never was taken into custody.

He was arraigned Tuesday in Superior Court on only the murder charge. The statute of limitations for the others has expired, said Stratford Police Capt. Michael Imbro.

Curtis slipped from the legal system a free

man in 1990 when a state appeals court stopped requiring annual competency checks, citing testimony from a psychologist who said it was unlikely Curtis ever would be mentally competent to stand trial.

A new investigation began in August after WTNH used a Freedom of Information request in seeking police files.

"That kind of raised an eyebrow at the state's attorneys' office as to the status of the case and got the ball rolling," Imbro said.

Police found Curtis pursuing a degree at Connecticut State University in New Haven and enrolled this semester in two sophomore-level classes.

Police executed a search warrant at the university Monday. His transcripts showed he had attended three colleges in recent years and had earned more than 50 college credits. He had about a B-plus grade-point average.

"He was listed as a pre-med student in psychiatry," Imbro said.

Investigators arrested Curtis at his home in Cheshire, where he lived in a housing development for older and disabled people, police said.

WTNH obtained records showing that the state Department of Social Services paid nearly \$1,000 toward Curtis' tuition.

His next court appearance was scheduled for Nov. 18.

Stowaways die in cargo ship

RIVIERA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The crew of a cargo ship knew from the pounding coming from a shipping container that stowaways were inside, but couldn't help until the ship reached port. By then, three people were dead.

Seven others who also had hidden inside a cargo container full of clothes were hospitalized Tuesday for severe dehydration and heat exposure when the ship reached the Port of Palm Beach.

Two were in critical condition, hospital officials said.

The group, nine Dominicans and a Cuban, had hidden inside the container that was loaded onto the Antigua-registered ship Pampero at Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic, said Herb Jefferson, an assistant chief of the U.S. Border Patrol office in South Florida.

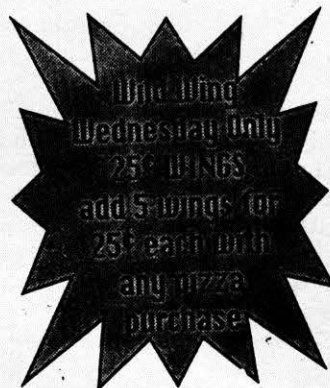
"They had cut a hole in the bottom (of the container) to breathe and it wasn't very big," Jefferson said. "We believe they may have suffocated."

The crew of the Pampero heard thumping from inside the container Tuesday morning, but could do nothing until reaching the port and the ship's cranes three hours later.

"These are big containers like the back of a tractor trailer," Jefferson said.

Along with crackers and water jugs, investigators found a drill and other tools used to cut a 6-by-10 inch hole in the container's wooden floor.

But when the container was stacked atop another, the vent was nearly blocked.



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"It will be a more difficult year than years past because of the conference we're playing in and the competition level that we're going to be playing."

— Larry McCloud
Herd linebacker commenting before the season

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MAC challenges hardly different from last year

What would a win do Saturday? Among many things, it would continue to make the pessimistic crowd eat words — lots of words, about eight wins worth.

Before the season, some people declared the football team as incompetent for the Mid-American title. People made comments about the Herd having a losing season. Some predicted a 3-8 record, at best. After all, the MAC is much more advanced than the Southern Conference. We are talking about a big pond (in the MAC) and a little fish (in Marshall).

Let's face it, Marshall has blown through the MAC teams. The MAC is barely better than the Southern Conference. But you say the Herd lost to Miami with seven turnovers? Remember, Marshall still had a chance to win that game in the fourth quarter. Turning the ball over seven times would have resulted in a loss to the top teams in the Southern Conference as well.

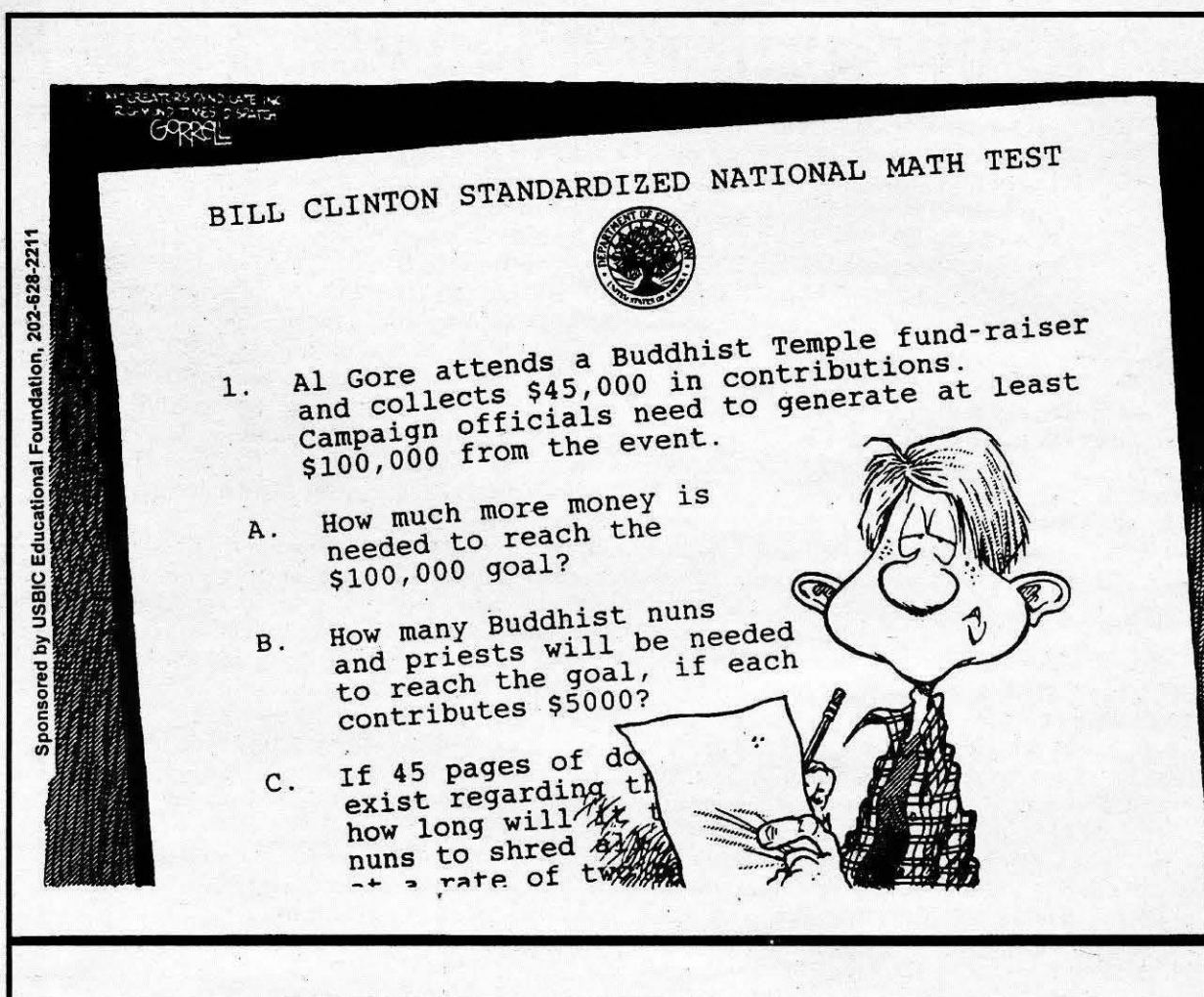
Let's face it, the MAC is a joke, with the exception of a few teams. The top teams of the Southern Conference could compete with the MAC's top teams. Marshall was at the top of the Southern Conference when it left and now has splashed itself into a position to win in its new one.

In case you still don't want to believe consider this: 42-17, 42-17, 52-17, 48-25, 45-17. What does all of these add up to? MAC yawners. Last season 29-13, 45-0, 45-20, 56-21, 24-10, 56-25, 34-10, 42-17 and 54-0 resulted in Southern Conference yawners.

Granted, the Ohio Bobcats will provide a stiff challenge. A possible game with Toledo could be a close tango as well. Neither of these games are guaranteed wins. But when it's all said and done Marshall will not have faced anyone unbeatable as some lead us to believe.

It's time the pessimistic crowd stop worrying and enjoy the next few games. Marshall has a dominant football program and deserves much more respect than it has received. Sure, a 15-0 season is gone, but until last year, that type of season was never here in the first place.

Could it be the MAC needs the Herd more than the Herd needs the MAC? Care to be optimistic?



Editor's note:

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School spirit prospering for Homecoming events

by R. MATT GLOVER
student body president

With all the excitement of Homecoming in the air, it seems that school spirit at Marshall University is alive and well. Much of the spirit surrounding the upcoming game and the current athletic season can be attributed to the joint organizational effort amongst several different groups on campus. The Student Activities Office and the Student Government Association have been working very hard in many different areas to see that Marshall University provides an atmosphere by which school spirit can grow and prosper.

Throughout this entire week, a very diverse group of activities

has been put together in an attempt to celebrate Homecoming 1997. A talent show, "Black Comedy Tour," a "Murder Mystery Cruise," the annual Homecoming parade, tailgating and a 5K run have all been planned to make this Homecoming one that is student focused and geared toward raising school spirit.

The attempt to generate more school spirit, however does not involve only the activities of this week. In preparation for the upcoming basketball season, the Student Government Association is working with the Athletic Department in an attempt to make seating at sporting events more conducive to school spirit. At the request of numerous students, Vice President of the Student Government J.J. Spi-

chek and Todd Baxter, the student member to the Athletic Advisory Board, have been meeting with Athletic Director Lance West and other athletic office personnel to explore the options for this year.

Finally, I would like to address a subject that has come to my attention recently. With the record-breaking student crowds as of late there has been an increase in reported incidents involving unsportsman like behavior in the student section. It is important that we continue our attempt to raise school spirit, but let us do it in such a way that Marshall University remains known for its respectful behavior.

Have fun this week, cheer on the football team and Go Herd!

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'Pippin' receives good peer reviews

by ALISON R. GERLACH
reporter

Lang Reynolds, chair of the University of Alabama, Birmingham, scene and lighting department, judged "Pippin" for the American College Theatre Festival. He considered all areas of the production, including acting, directing, scene and costume design and running of the show.

Reynolds gave good comments in all areas.

Actors Jeremy F. Richter, Wheeling sophomore, and Joshua M. Janotta, Chesapeake sophomore, were both nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Competition.

The two will join about 350 other college actors at Clemson University in February for the competition. The competition concludes by sending two of the actors to the Kennedy Center for the American College Theatre Festival.

Kelly C. Jenkins, Bluefield senior, was nominated for a similar competition for designing the armor for "Pippin."

Jeffrey S. Elwell, chairman of the Marshall Department of Theatre, said that the purpose of this type of judging is to have an "external peer review." A good review, like the one from "Pippin," lets the department know that others think they are doing well. A bad review does not necessarily damage the department, but lets them know what they are doing wrong.

The American College Theatre Festival is a competition for college theatre departments. Judging, like the "Pippin" judging, is done for several productions throughout the year.

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Talent displayed during Homecoming

by JOEY TACKETT
reporter

Talent comes in many forms, from dancing to playing music, but there is real talent in playing a garbage can, cookie tins and glass water bottles as instruments.

The Talent Showcase Tuesday night, sponsored by Student Activities Programming Board, was a big hit with an audience of 300 and 11 contestants, Marcie E. Hatfield, student activities vice president of marketing, said.

The grand prize winner, Drew Hudgins, Lewisburg junior, received \$250 for his talent in playing a xylophone and a home-made set of drums, which included a hollow garbage can and cookie tins as drums. He finished the performance by playing another xylophone, which was made of glass bottles filled with water.

Hudgins has been involved in band since sixth grade and has played with the Cadets of Bergen County (N.J.), a touring group which played in the closing ceremony of the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. He plans to use the money for this summer's tour with the Cadets, Hudgins said.

The second place winner, receiving \$75, was Grace Notes, a folk band, with members Jeff D. Shaw, Lexington junior; A. Phil Britton, Charleston freshman; and Amy J. Cliser, Marshall alumnus. The band has been together two months, Shaw said.

Greg S. Smith, Point Pleasant sophomore, was the third place winner, receiving \$50. He performed "Runaround" by Blues Traveler, playing the guitar, harmonica and singing. He has been playing the



photo by Vicente Alcantar

The Homecoming '97 before it was sliced by the newly announced attendants.

harmonica for 11 years, Smith said.

Judges for the showcase were R. Matt Glover, student body president; Derek H. Anderson, chief justice of student court; Kim D. Reece, student affairs program specialist and Sherri Jackson, WSAZ-TV anchor. Jessica A. Johnson, Student Activities Programming Board president, tallied the judges votes. Contestants were judged on talent, originality, content, showmanship and overall impression.

Helen A. Shapira, Lewisburg senior, said, "I feel the talent showcase is a wonderful opportunity for people to display their God-given talents."

Other contestants in the talent show were M. Travis Samson, Jason E. Downey, Shawn Shetha and Bryan Reed, J. Chris Nourse, Alexander Wyons, Aaron L. Workman, Matthew Goodwill, Andre T. O'Neal and the Monster Green band.

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Brunch to recognize SCORES supporters

by **HEATHER B. KEENE**
reporter

Longtime university supporters will be honored at a recognition brunch sponsored by the university's Search Committee on Recognizing Excellent Students.

The brunch will be from 10 a.m. to noon today in the Big Green Room at the football stadium, and will honor Marshall faculty and staff members who work with the SCORES program, Sherry B. Brooks, coordinator, said.

At the brunch, five honorees will receive recognition for their service to Marshall.

The 20th annual SCORES Academic Festival is scheduled for March 6-7, 1998.

Besides being recognized at the brunch, presented with trophies in their name at the festival will be: Martha C. Woodward, executive director of the Center for Academic Excellence; Dr. Dewey Sanderson, professor of geology; Dr. Nancy K. Stump, professor of modern languages; Rebecca Johnson, associate professor of journalism and mass communication; and Susan Ross Sullivan, assistant professor of communication disorders.

The brunch also signals the start of high school registration for the upcoming festival, a two-day annual event that brings together academically successful high school students from the tri-state area.

"SCORES

serves as a
recruiting tool for
Marshall..."

— Heather Hawes,
graduate assistant

The SCORES festival gives students an opportunity to tour the campus, meet professors and compete in academic games.

"SCORES serves as a recruiting tool for Marshall because professors get to meet the students when they visit the campus," Heather R. Hawes, graduate assistant for SCORES, said.

"About 30 percent of last year's freshman class had attended SCORES while in high school," she said.

"Targeting the New Millennium" is the theme for the upcoming festival, which is expected to attract about 4,000 area high school students.

Brooks believes the theme is very relevant to students.

"It is vital that students are prepared for the next millennium," she said.

For more information about the brunch or registration for the festival, contact the SCORES office at 696-6752.

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Student Activities Programming Board is sponsoring a game of Twister, Buskirk Field, noon

Tri-State Organizing Conference —

Opening Lecture "A Tribute to an Organizing Genius," Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Homecoming Activity —

Murder Mystery Cruise on the Ohio River, 8 p.m.

Tri-State Organizing Conference —

workshops, MSC, 10 a.m.
workshops/lectures, MSC, 1 p.m.
lecture, "People Power and Police: What does it mean to you?" Shawkey Dining Room, 3 p.m.

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"Shayna and I are very good friends and I am fine with who will be Miss Marshall," said Milam, who is also a member of the Student

Government Association, Alpha Xi Delta and Campus Crusade for Christ.

Chapman, a member of the Student Government Association, Alpha Kappa Psi and the Accounting Club, said, "I am just happy being attendant. I never expected to win."

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Go Herd! Beat the Falcons!



Marshall plays Bowling Green for Homecoming in Huntington Saturday. The Falcons have played poorly lately, but upset Miami of Ohio University earlier in the season. As Herd fans know, Miami beat the Herd 45-21. So which Bowling Green team will come to town? Want to find out which team Herd players and coaches think will visit? **Read the Parthenon Friday!**

Herd survives Colonels' attack

by **KENNEY BARNETTE**
reporter

It was not quite as easy as many expected.

But the Herd came away with the win.

The Marshall volleyball team defeated Eastern Kentucky University Tuesday at the Cam Henderson Center 16-14, 15-4, 13-15, 14-16 and 15-11.

Prior to the match, the Colonels had an overall record of 2-24.

Marshall coach Steffi Legall said Eastern Kentucky gave a good effort and Marshall did not play up to its potential.

"I think it was a combination of Eastern Kentucky playing us hard, and that we just did not execute," Legall said. "We were just going through the motions."

"They came out with a good game plan," she said. "Early in the match they were serv-

ing us short, and that worked for a while."

Marshall fell behind 4-0 in game one, but battled back to tie the match at 13-13.

Marshall scored three of the next four points to win 16-14.

The Herd scored the final nine points of game two to win 15-4.

Marshall jumped out to a 12-2 lead in game three, but Eastern Kentucky outscored Marshall 13-1 in the rest of the game to win 15-13.

The Colonels led Marshall 8-3 in the fourth game, but Marshall scored 11 of the next 14 points to take a 14-11 lead.

Eastern Kentucky fought off match point, scoring five points in a row to win 16-14.

Marshall and Eastern Kentucky started the fifth and deciding game tied at 6-6.

The Herd took a 12-9 lead, but Eastern Kentucky scored consecutive points to trim

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— Steffi Legall, volleyball coach

Marshall's advantage to one.

The Herd, however, scored three points in a row to win the game 15-11.

Marshall went into the match with the strategy of getting all players some playing time, Legall said.

"It was match to learn from," Legall said. "Everybody had a chance to play.

"In the long run that will help us," she said. "Later on if we get in a situation where we need somebody to help out, they will have the experience."

"We need everybody," Legall said. "In practice we cannot create pressure situations. The players learn what they are capable of."

The match also marked the final home appearance for senior Ashley Lowman, who contributed 11 assists and four digs.

Lowman's career at Marshall has been plagued by injuries.

Although Lowman does not play as much as other players, she has been an important part of the Marshall volleyball program, Legall said.

"Ashley's done a wonderful job," Legall said. "She's been a leader and a guide for the freshmen."

"A lot of her work is done off

the court," the Herd coach said. "She's an integral part of our team. The fans don't see how important she is for us and what she contributes with intangibles."

Lowman said she understands her role.

"It's all about the team," Lowman said. "The important thing is whether we win or not."

As a senior, helping out the younger players is part of her job.

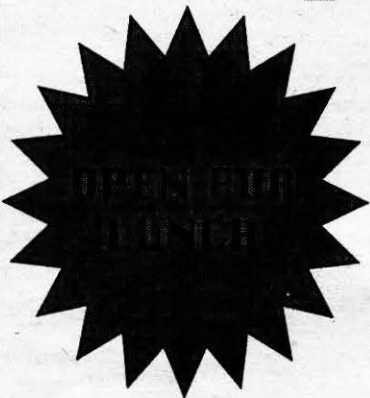
"It's a big adjustment," Lowman said. "When you're in high school, you're the star."

"You're the big fish in a small pond," Lowman said, "and when you go to college, you're a small fish in a big pond."

Marshall improved its overall record to 10-16.

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A talk with Karen Grassle

Grassle, former "Little House on the Prairie" co-star, is here to direct the play, "Keely and Du." Find out why she chose Marshall, what the actors in "Keely and Du" think of her, and what she's been up to since "Little House."

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the Parthenon

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One local bar has gone online

Partying in Cyberspace

Stoned Monkey doesn't just have drinking and dancing, there's surfing too.

Two computers in the back of the bar give patrons the opportunity to surf the web if they want to do something different while they're out, Chuck Dunlap, owner of the Stoned Monkey said.

Dunlap said his business, which has been open since January, is the first cybercafe with a liquor license in the state.

The idea to combine a cybercafe and bar came to Dunlap while he was visiting a friend in New York City. There he saw bars with computers in them and noticed how popular they were.

"It was like something in New York and L.A., they're doing it there," he said, "You can go into a bar and you can surf the web or play games, go on chat lines, stuff like that."

Although the bar, located on Third Avenue, has live music, pool tables and other attractions, Dunlap said he opened it with the intention of having computers available.

The name "Stoned Monkey" comes from a hybrid computer virus. The two viruses, stoned and monkey, combined to form a very damaging virus.

Customers have enjoyed the computers, Dunlap said.

"Everybody thinks it's different and we are the only online bar in West Virginia."

Most people use the computers to play games and visit different web sites, he said.

The computers at Stoned Monkey also give patrons who have not had much experience with the Internet or do not have access to computers a chance to sample them.

Because the bar opens at 9 p.m., seven days a week, the computers gives customers something to do on slow nights when there are no bands or large crowds.

Next week, Dunlap said he will install a printer so patrons can have copies of documents they need.

There will be a fee for using the printer and, although computer use is now free, there will someday be a charge, he said.

"Right now everything is free for surfing the net, but in the future, there will be a small charge which will be competitive with anyone else in Huntington...."

Ken Carter, vice president of customer service for Internet Processing, the company that installed and maintains Stoned Monkey's computers, said it is important for businesses to be on the cutting edge of technology if they want to attract young people.

"It has become part of today's young person's standard culture," he said. "We're not too far behind the national trend of cybercafes."

Dunlap said some of his customers care that he uses this technology, but many customers come to the Stoned Monkey for other reasons.

"Some of them don't make it

this far," he said.

Critics may wonder why college students would want to use a computer when they're at a bar and have the opportunity to socialize with peers face to face.

Dunlap said he just wants to give his customers a variety of options.

"People have a choice of what they want to do. Whether they want to sit in front of a computer and surf the web or if they want to socialize it's their call," he said.

Brian Thomasson, chief of operations for Internet Processing, described the Internet as an "alternative form of entertainment."

Stoned Monkey uses the Internet for another purpose: its own website.

The site has a Huntington map to show people where the bar is located, a list of upcoming events and other promotions.

A unique factor about the web page is its Stoned Monkey Cam. A camera inside the bar sends a picture of the bar to the web page every five seconds. This allows viewers to see what is going on inside the bar at all times.

Although the technology may be popular, Dunlap said Stoned Monkey's best feature is the crowd it attracts.

"I think the best thing about this bar is the people that come here. It's a good college crowd. They're good people."

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The Stoned Monkey's computers are kept in secure enclosures under the desks to prevent damage. Customers only have access to the monitor, keyboard and mouse.

